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Rome, May 7. N. S.

THE Congregation appointed to examine the Pretenſions of the Emperor, and the King of *Spain* to the Inveſtiture of the Kingdom of *Naples*, met for the firſt time the 30th of the laſt Month, and the Pope made a Speech to acquaint them with the Matters they were to conſider of; They have ſince had ſeveral Meetings, and 'tis believed they will ſhortly come to ſome Reſolution. On the 3d Inſtant the Pope viſited the Queen-Dowager of *Poland*; She received him at the Gate of her Palace, and kneeling kiſs'd his Feet, ſhe conducted him to her Apartment, where an Elbow Chair was placed under a Canopy for the Pope, and the Queen ſat on his left hand, and the Princeſs her Grand-daughter ſate upon the Ground on a Cuſhion. The Pope ſtayed about half an hour, and the Queen conducted him as far as the great Hall of her Palace, and would have waited on him farther, but the Pope would not permit it. The Difference between this Court and the Duke of *Savoy*, concerning the Right of Preſentation to the Eccleſiaſtical Benefices in *Piedmont*, is not yet adjuſted. The Pope continues to provide for the Security of the Eccleſiaſtical State; Several Troops of new-raiſed Dragoons were ſent laſt week to *Ferrara* and *Bologna*, and Commiſſions are given out for raiſing 2 Troops of Dragoons and 10 Companies of Foot more. The Pope's Gallys are ordered to ſail to *Corſica*, to receive on board ſeveral Companies of Foot which are raiſed there for the Pope's Service, and to bring them to *Civita-Vecchia*.

Warſaw, May 16. Count *Straatman*, the Emperor's Envoy at this Court, continues his Endeavours to accommodate Matters between the Kings of *Sweden* and *Poland*, and is aſſiſted therein by ſeveral other Foreign Miniſters, but the King of *Poland* declines giving them any poſitive Anſwer. The Meeting of the General Diet is fixt for the 30th Inſtant, and moſt of the Little Diets have choſe their Deputies, but 'tis ſaid, they have given them ſuch different Inſtructions, that there is reaſon to doubt of the good Succeſs of this Aſſembly. They write from *Lithuania*, that the Confederated Nobility of that Dutchy would have a general Meeting near *Grodno* the 15th Inſtant, in order to chuſe Deputies to be ſent hither, in purſuance of the King's Orders, to treat of an Accommodation between them and the Houſe of *Sapieha*.

Stockholm, May 16. The *Swediſh* Forces which were embarked in this Port, conſiſting of 8000 Foot, ſailed this week for *Livonia*, as did likewiſe 1500 Soldiers from *Carelſcroone*, and other Troops are gone on board the Tranſport Ships provided for them at *Carelſhaven*, *Weſterwick*, and *Norkoping*. The laſt Advices from *Livonia* ſay, the King of *Sweden* was ſtill at his Quarters at *Lais*; but intends, as ſoon as he has received theſe Reinforcements, to march towards *Pleſkow*.

Vienna, May 18. Mr. *Stepney*, Envoy Extraordinary from His Majeſty of *Great-Britain*, had Audience yeſterday of the King and Queen of the *Romans*. Colonel *Paul Diack* is come hither from *Hungary*, where he has raiſed 4000 *Huſſars* for the Emperor's Service, who are to march to *Italy*. The laſt Advices from *Roveredo* are of the 8th Inſtant, and give an Account, that the Imperial Forces in thoſe Parts were then about 22000 ſtrong, under the Command of Count *Guido* of *Staremberg*, and were marching along the Lake *de Guarda* to poſſeſs themſelves of a conſiderable Paſs on the River *Adige*; And that the *Venetians*, who are thought to be very well enclined to the Emperor's Intereſt, have drawn together a Body of 15000 Men near *Verona*. The Count *de Solms*, Envoy from the King of *Pruſſia*, had Audience of Leave laſt week of the Emperor, and is on his departure to *Berlin*. 'Tis ſaid, the Marquis *de Villars*, Envoy from *France*, intends ſhortly to return home. Capt. *Longueval* is to be brought hither in a day or two from *Lintz*, to give Evidence againſt Prince *Ragozzi*, and the other Perſons who are accuſed of the late Conſpiracy.

Francfort, May 26. A new-raiſed Regiment of Foot, which is put into the Service of the States-General by the Margrave of *Anſpach*, paſſed by this Place yeſterday, going by water to *Holland*. The Diets of the Circles of *Swabia* and *Franconia* have ordered their Troops to draw together towards the latter end of the next Month, in order to form a Camp near *Hailbron*. Deputies from the neighbouring Circles are met here, to confer about providing for their common Security. They write from the Palatinate, that Orders are given for making new Levies of Horſe and Foot for the Elector Palatine's Service. Letters from *Alſace* give an Account, that the *French* continue their Preparations in thoſe Parts; that their Troops are drawing together between *New-Briſac* and the Town of *Heuningen*; and that they have lately brought 80 Pieces of Cannon into the laſt of theſe Places, where they are preparing to make a Bridge of Boats over the *Rhine*.

Cologne, May 27. The Elector Palatine intends to augment his Forces to 20000 Men, and new Levies are making for that purpoſe. 'Tis ſaid, the Directors of the Circle of *Weſtphalia* have deſired the King of *Pruſſia* to ſend ſome of his Troops to reinforce the Garriſons of *Rhinberg* and *Keyſerwaert*. They write from the Dutchy of *Juliers* and the Country of *Mark*, that Orders are given for raiſing the Militia of thoſe Countries.

Hamburgh, May 27. The Queen Dowager of *Denmark* will leave *Altona* the 30th Inſtant, in order to continue her Journey to *Caſſel*. Two Regiments of the Duke of *Swerin*'s Forces embarked yeſterday near *Altona*, in order to be tranſported to *Campen*, for the Service of the States-General. Letters from *Copenhagen* of the 24th ſay, the King of *Denmark* would ſend ſome of his Forces into the Service of the States; that he would go the 26th to *Fredericksburgh*; and the next day to *Cronenburgh*, where he would review a Battalion of the Regiment of *Zeeland* which is quartered in that

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